Category of UCBs Investment in Govt, and other approved securities as a percentage of Net Demand and Time Liabilities (NDTL)

| | Prior to March 31, 2002 | To achieve on or before March 31, 2002 | to achieve by September 30, 2002 | After April 1, 2003 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Non-scheduled UCBs | | | | |
| (i) With NDTL of Rs. 25 crores & above | 10% | 12.5% | 15% | 15% |
| (ii) With NDTL of less than Rs. 25 crore | Nil | 7.5% | 10% | 10% |

As indicated above, the UCBs were given adequate time to switch over from the deposits with DCCBs/SCBs to Government securities. As on December 26,2003,1139 banks have complied with RBI's instructions relating to investment in Government Securities. In view of the systemic risk involved, a modification or the above guidelines has not been found feasible at this stage.

**India Sovereign Bonds**

2126. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government propose to explore fresh investment avenues for growth in India;

(b) If so, whether Government propose to raise $ 5 million from overseas markets in the form of India Sovereign Bonds;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the salient features of the proposed Indian Sovereign Bonds; and

(e) the manner in which the proposed funds are likely to be used?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

**Assistance to Karnataka by NABARD**

2127. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the financial assistance provided by NABARD to Karnataka during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise;

(b) the areas where investment has been made and the extent thereof;